

MIDDLEMARCH

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We begin with a word having an odd number of letters.

The middle letter, a consonant, has been given its marching orders, leaving behind another word.

letter

removed

B BIBLE - BILE CABIN - CAIN COBRA - CORA CUBES - CUES GABLE - GALE
NOBEL - NOEL RABID - RAID ROBES - ROES SABLE - SALE TABLE - TALE

C DICED - DIED DUCAL - DUAL FOCAL - FOAL

D CODED - COED MEDAL - MEAL PEDAL - PEAL SEDAN - SEAN

F DEFER - DEER LIFER - LIER LOFTS - LOTS SIFTS - SITS

G FAGIN - FAIN LAGOS - LAOS LINGERS - LINERS LOGAN - LOAN
REGAL - REAL SEGAL (surname) - SEAL TIGER - TIER

H ACHES - ACES LASHERS - LASERS USHER - USER

J KOJAK - KOAK (a surname) MAJOR - MAOR (a place in Israel)

K DYKES - DYES LIKES - LIES RAKES - RAE'S SEEKING - SEEING

L CARLTON - CARTON CURLING - CURING FILLED - FILED FILLING - FILING
HOLED - HOED HOLLY - HOLY LILLY - LILY MALIN - MAIN
ROLES - ROES SOLAR - SOAR TILLED - TILED TILLING - TILING

M AMY - AY BOMBS - BOBS LIMES - LIES TIMED - TIED TREMBLE - TREBLE

N ANT - AT ANN - AN BENDS - BEDS DANTE - DATE DUNES - DUES
LINER - LIER MINKE - MIKE OWNED - OWED PLANNED - PLANED
RANGE - RAGE SONAR - SOAR TONGA - TOGA WENDS - WEDS

P MAPLE - MALE ROPES - ROES SEPAL - SEAL STAPLER - STALER

R ART - AT CARTS - CATS CORAL - COAL ENTRAIL - ENTAIL
GORES - GOES MORAN (surname) - MOAN MORON - MOON PORTS - POTS
THREE - THEE

S BASIN - BAIN COSTS - COTS DOSES - DOES HOSES - HOES MINSTER - MINTER
NESTS - NETS POSTS - POTS RASPS - RAPS ROSES - ROES RUSES - RUES

T ANTON - ANON MATCH - MACH METAL - MEAL MORTALS - MORALS
MOTOR - MOOR PITON - PION TURNTABLE - TURNABLE WINTERY - WINERY

V ANVIL - ANIL DOVER - DOER LIVES - LIES REVEL - REEL SEVEN - SEEN

W BOWER - BOER COWED - COED DOWER - DOER DROWNED - DRONED
GOWER - GOER SEWER - SEER (a clairvoyant) TOWER - TOER (surname)

X DIXON - DION (a first name) SAXBY - SABY (a first name and a surname) SEXES - SEES

Y BRYAN - BRAN DOYLE - DOLE LAYER - LAER (a place in Germany)
MAYBE = MABE (a place in Cornwall) MAYOR - MAOR (a place in Israel)
ROYAL - ROAL (a first name) ROYLE (surname) - ROLE SAYLE (surname) - SALE

Z MAZES - MAE'S RAZER - RAER (a place in Belgium) RAZOR - RAOR (a fish)